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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 03327.2356-00

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of:  | )   |
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| Yasunori ANDO  | )<br>Group Art Unit: 2812                         |
| Serial No.: 10/590,911   | )<br>Examiner: DINH, Thu Huong T.                 |
| Filed: August 28, 2006  For: ICON BEAM IRRADIATION APPARATUS AND ION BEAM IRRADIATION METHOD | )<br>)<br>) Confirmation No.: 4392<br>)<br>)<br>) |
| Commissioner for Patents<br>P.O. Box 1450<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450                       |   |

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated January 16, 2008, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group I. Claims 1-5, drawn to an article of manufacturing an ion beam irradiation apparatus, classified in class 257, subclass 1+.

Group II. Claim 6, drawn to method of manufacturing an ion beam irradiation apparatus classified in class 438, subclass 510.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without prejudice, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-5.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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